COA releases LGUs' financial reports

TO PROMOTE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTability, the Commission on Audit is releasing starting today the financial reports of local government units nationwide. The reports on Pages B8 and B9 are partial releases on 79 provinces, 117 cities and 295 municipalities of the NCR, CAR, and Regions 1 and 2. The reports were generated using the New Government Accounting System (NGAS) which COA developed to ensure timely and accurate reports.

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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

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Terror drive nets big haul of branded perfumes

By Luige A. del Puerto and Nikko Dizon

NEXT TIME YOU VISIT A charity or an orphanage, don't be surprised if you find the residents using branded hand lotions, expensive hair gels or



TERROR A6



TESTING THE WATERS. Fishermen and Greenpeace members try out oil booms which they hope will protect the beaches of Guimaras from the spreading oil spill.

Oil still oozing out of sunken tanker

By Carla P. Gomez and Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
Inquirer Visayas
and Leila B. Salaverria in Manila

DISPUTING THE CLAIM OF PETRON Corp. that the leak from the sunken MT Solar 1 had stopped, a Philippine Coast Guard official said between 200 and 250 liters of the oil continued to ooze out of the vessel every hour.

Cmdr. Marshal Jardine, PCG Iloilo station chief, said the estimate was based on actual observations of the PCG and a Japanese expert, who is helping the Philippines contain the massive spill that has wreaked havoc on fishing communities and a sprawling marine reserve off Guimaras Island.

Virginia Ramirez, spokesperson of Petron, which had hired the tanker, insisted yesterday that based on aerial surveys and findings of the National Mapping Resources Information Authority, there were no new leaks from the tanker.

If the tanker is not removed and the oil leaks at its current rate, the fuel will seep into the sea for more than a year, PCG spokesperson Lt. Commander Joseph Coyme said.

"With the discovery of the leak, we really need to expedite the recovery of the tanker. We can't afford more oil to spill and further damage the environment," Coyme said.

The oil slick has so far affected St. Sunny, San Lorenzo and Nueva Valencia towns in Guimaras Island, and Ajuy and Concepcion towns in Iloilo.

OIL A6



GREENPEACE International has donated disposable gloves and rubber boots for the cleanup, which residents of Nueva Valencia have put to good use.

Another killing, 8 arrests

Bishop says no; still no word from Justice Melo

By Carla P. Gomez
Inquirer Visayas

BACOLOD CITY—BISHOP CAMILO GREGORIO yesterday declined to join the commission formed by President Macapagal-Arroyo to look into alleged extrajudicial executions of leftist activists, saying he did not wish to compromise the independence of the local Roman Catholic Church.

Three days after the news broke of the creation of the investigative commission, there was still no public statement from former Supreme Court Associate Justice Jose Melo, 74, who had been appointed to head the panel. Despite efforts, Inquirer reporters have been unable to contact Melo for his reaction to his appointment.

"In deference to the autonomy of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP), I asked to be replaced," Gregorio told the Inquirer in a telephone interview.

The 66-year-old prelate said he did not wish to place the CBCP of which he was a

BISHOP A15

Probe head 'consensus builder'

By TJ Burgonio and Armand N. Nocum

FORMER ASSOCIATE JUSTICE JOSE A. R. Melo has been portrayed as a "consensus builder" in the Supreme Court.

When he begins looking into the cases of political killings, the 74-year-old Melo faces the tough task of building confidence in the commission formed by President Macapagal-Arroyo amid a local and international outcry against extrajudicial executions.

The former magistrate has the respect of his peers as a "God-fearing family man" known for his integrity and zeal to resolve his cases expeditiously in his 13 years in the judiciary.

In a tribute by former Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. in 2002, Melo was described as a "man who has not forgotten his roots and a magistrate who expeditiously afforded justice to every man."

Colleagues said Melo had shown "no

PROBE HEAD A15



CALM BEFORE THE BIG BANG? Mt. Mayon looks serene and peaceful in this photograph taken early yesterday morning.

Mayon kids taught learning can be fun

By Rem Zamora

LEGAZPI CITY—NURSING STUDENTS have been helping children in evacuation centers cope with being uprooted from their homes because of Mt. Mayon's threats to erupt.

As part of their Community Health subject, nursing students from Aquinas University in this city had been assigned to different evacuation centers where they implemented programs under the regional health unit.

"The school officials directed nursing students to focus on evacuation centers after Phivolcs raised the alert level to four," said Sales Adigue, clinical instructor of 14 nursing students.

Under the regional health unit, the students were assigned activities ranging from immunization, recreation, feeding, sanitation, maternal health education and basic hygiene.

MAYON A6



CHILDREN-EVACUEES intently watch a skit on hygiene presented by nursing students of Aquinas University in Legazpi City. The children are staying at the San Jose Elementary School evacuation center in Malilipot, Albay.

Peasant leader is Victim No. 247

By Chris V. Panganiban and Franklin A. Caliguid
Inquirer Mindanao
and Delfin T. Mallari Jr.
Inquirer Southern Luzon

HOURS AFTER PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo announced the creation of an independent commission to investigate the wave of politically linked killings on Sunday night, another militant leader was shot and killed in Tandag, Surigao del Sur.

Unidentified men armed with automatic rifles barged into the house of Herminio Marquez in Barangay Mabua at around 11 p.m. and peppered him with bullets, police said.

Marquez, leader of the Kapunungan sa mga Mag-uuma sa Surigao del Sur (United Farmers Union of Surigao del Sur), was the sixth victim of attacks on left-wing activists in Caraga this year.

At least 247 militants so far have been killed since 2001, when Ms Arroyo assumed the presidency, according to an Inquirer tally. Of this number, 33 were peasant leaders.

According to the human rights group Karapatan, over 700 civilians, including at least 318 left-wing activists, have been killed since 2001 by suspected security forces, who often allege left-wing groups are fronts for communist rebels.

The military has denied any involvement and challenged human rights groups to produce evidence that soldiers were involved and file cases against them in court.

ANOTHER A15

Nursing board fallout: No takers for June passer

By Christian V. Esguerra, Leila B. Salaverria and Juliet Labog-Javellana

FIRST, SHE WENT TO A GOVERNMENT hospital near a shopping mall in Quezon City hoping to land a job as a nurse.

Told to first fulfill the requirements—to show certificates of passing and of a board rating—Bea Tibayan, 21, went straight to another government hospital to file her application.

She also applied at a middle-class hospital nearby and another private hospital in Mandaluyong.

The hospitals all told the nursing graduate of St. Jude College in Manila that she would get a call if she was accepted. About a month has passed and she is still waiting for a call.

"They all asked me if I was a June passer," Bea told the Inquirer yesterday. "Whenever I answered in the affirmative, the atmosphere, their tone would suddenly change," she said, of the people who took her applications.

The prospects of those who passed the tainted June nursing board exams landing a job in the United States are also bleak.

Some hospitals in the United States have sent word that they will not hire Filipino nurses who graduated this year because of the leakage in the board exams, according to Rosario Ang, chair of the Commission on Filipino Overseas.

A total of 17,871 of the 42,006 examinees passed the board exams conducted on June 11 and 12.

Like many of her fellow nursing graduates, Bea is growing frustrated while waiting for the cheating controversy to be put to rest.

The National Bureau of Investigation has yet to complete its investigation of allegations that questions and answers had been leaked prior to the

NURSING A6

WEATHER FORECAST

Second FRONT PAGE

SAME OLD STORY

'I saw Galman shoot Ninoy'

By Norman Bordadora

THE DRIVER OF THE VAN THAT CARRIED THE SOLDIERS OF THE aviation Security Command to the airport where they took Benigno Aquino Jr. off the plane that brought him to Manila on Aug. 21, 1983, said yesterday he saw Rolando Galman shoot and kill the former senator.



Another Pinoy dies in Iraq

More Pinoys jailed in Saudi

By Veii Contreras

RP underemployment worse than joblessness – DOLE

By Jerome Aning

Senate eyes ₱2-B cut in ₱46-B supplemental budget

By John Lalog Javellana

Palace to propose ₱1.1-trillion budget

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

Heavy on education

Largest bite

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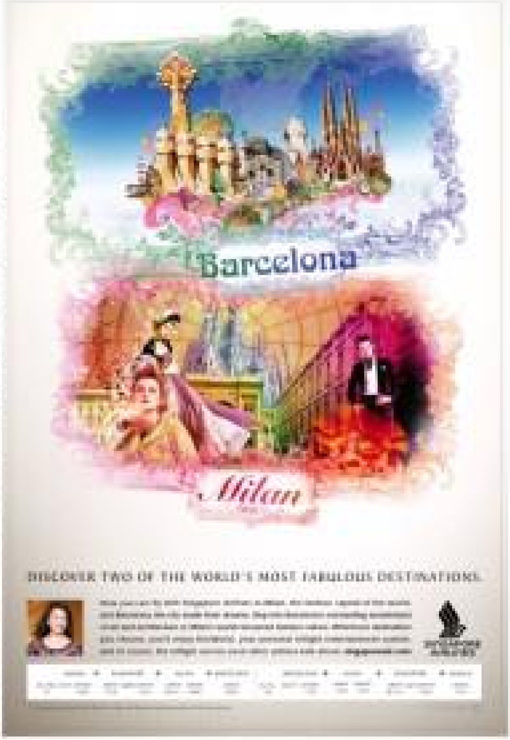
THE DAILY GOSPEL

AFP dares disgruntled soldiers: Go ahead, quit

'Critical mass'

No resignation

Non-existent





Mayon kids taught learning can be fun



VISITORS view Mayon Volcano from Lignon Hills in Legazpi City early Tuesday morning.



ANGELICA Amoroso pretends to be a child suffering ... Aquinas University in Legazpi City taught children at an evacuation center in Malilipot, Albay, proper hygiene and nutrition.

Terror drive nets big haul of branded ...

Stubborn passengers

Return our stuff

A gel bomb?

Follow guidelines

Suspicious

Makati court halts action on Batasan 5

By Tova V. Quismundo

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Petition sought

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Cayetano won't join Mike A in trip to Germany

By Michael Lim Ubac

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Oil still oozing out of sunken tanker



A DIVER from the environmental group Greenpeace holds up his oil-stained hands as his group installs spill booms in Barangay La Paz, Nueva Valencia, on Tuesday.

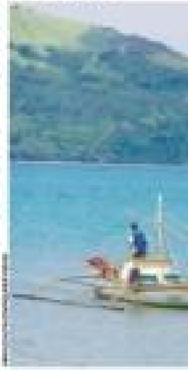
Japan disaster-relief team

Bantayan Island

Bad weather

List of gear





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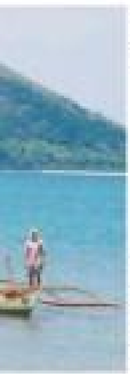
Experiencing discrimination

Willing to take exams again

PRC against take-two for

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GMA forms task force to oversee oil spill cleanup



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Ambeth R. Ocampo



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Pathetic views from a former SC justice

Majority of Muslims do not want abolition of autonomous Mindanao



SSS policy on claims meant to prevent fraud

Cruelty to animals and other crimes

INQUIRER Northern Luzon

Experts fear extinction of indigenous crops

By Delmar Cariño
La Trinidad, Benguet

THE CONTINUING LOSS OF diversity in agriculture has alarmed agronomists at the Benguet State University who said it was about time to press the panic button and address the possible extinction of indigenous crops.

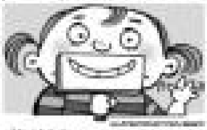


DR. BELINDA Tad-awan examines indigenous legumes for multiplication.

Doc's mission: Giving people 'right to smile'

By Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes
Dagupan City

SMILING IS A GIFT THAT MOST people take for granted. But this gift is elusive to some people born with harelip and cleft palates.



Free surgery

Obsession

Chavit relative OKd Poro port deal

DAGUPAN CITY—THE OPERATOR OF THE PORO Point seaport insisted there was no legal basis to rescind its contract to run the port and said the deal was signed in 1999 by a relative of Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson, who is now campaigning to have the contract rescinded.

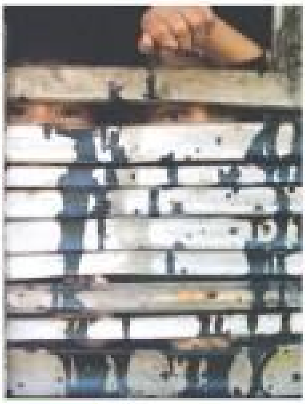


SINGSON



'Ninoy' bills without FVR name rejected in Vizcaya

Kidnappers hurting girl to force kin to pay ransom



PEEK

ROUNDUP

Helper slain in rob try

Jeep falls off bridge

Working without permit

Top 'pancit' eater

Another killing, 8 arrests





Former NPA member

Woman rebel's body

Black propaganda

Bishop says no; still no word from Justice Melo



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GONZALEZ



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President determined

Just a decoration

CHR can do work

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'PROLONGING THE WAKE'

House committee OKs report on impeachment

IS THIS A CASE OF PROLONGing the wake?

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Aplus METRO

Editor Ester G. Dipasupil



GUTIERREZ

Actor in road mishap charged

2 versions, says accused

By DJ Yap and Rayani Ban Diego Jr.

ACTOR AARON CHRISTOPHER Gutierrez has been charged with reckless imprudence after he hit a [illegible] accident in Quezon City last June.

The accident resulted in damage to property according to a complaint filed in the Quezon City prosecutor's office on Friday.

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The pickup was a company ve[illegible] [illegible] Buildings Corp. The Chevrolet, on the other hand, was registered under the name of Gutierrez's [illegible] [illegible] Gutierrez.

A car repair shop later estimated the damage to his car at [illegible].

Gutierrez had been driving with only a temporary permit since his driver's license had been confiscated for a traffic violation, [illegible] said in his complaint.

The actor, however, said he has yet to receive a copy of the complaint. "It's a vehicular accident and not a result of a personal altercation, so it should be covered through our [illegible]

ACTOR/A18

DID YOU KNOW

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Shot over a piece of road

Red-faced students

Suspects still at large

Pasay City police chief loses post

By Jocelyn R. Uy

For reinstatement

Medical aid awaits tutors

By DJ Yap

Fil-Am slay suspect set for extradition

By Margaux C. Ortiz

Actor in road ...

11 charged in UK terror plot



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WorldBriefs

Iran rebuffs West

Pyongyang threat

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CIA leak case

3 Palestinians killed

One-day marriage first

Different way to pedal porn



The WORLD

Bush: Iraq war straining America's psyche

WASHINGTON—PRESIDENT GEORGE W Bush says pulling American forces out of Iraq now would be disastrous even though staying there is "straining the psyche of our country."

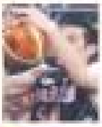


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Man describes chemical attack in Saddam trial

Politician tagged in Iraq kidnapping

2 heads of hit men fall



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GUILTY jockey Jeffryl Zarate

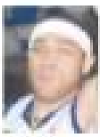
Zarate, 3 others get 1-year suspensions

Nationals pummel Australian all-stars



BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN—ASI TAULAVA patrolled the lanes with authority as the San Miguel-RP Team cruised past the Darwin All-Stars, 99-84, in the 6th Shell Rimula Brunei Cup yesterday at the National Indoor Stadium here.

SLR cuts Williams offer to 3 years



WILLIAMS

Lifters grab 30 golds in Asian tilt

RP boxing coach gunned down

Knights, Lions gun for No.11, s'final bonus



Williams breaks the ice

IN HUDDLE



Pacquiao provides Morales the escape route

BARE EYE



Top-speed strip duels set at BRC



Pilipinas Basketball elects Atienza prexy

SPORTSWATCH

Fil-Am Donaire vies for world title Oct. 7

Salvador wins, keeps GM hopes alive

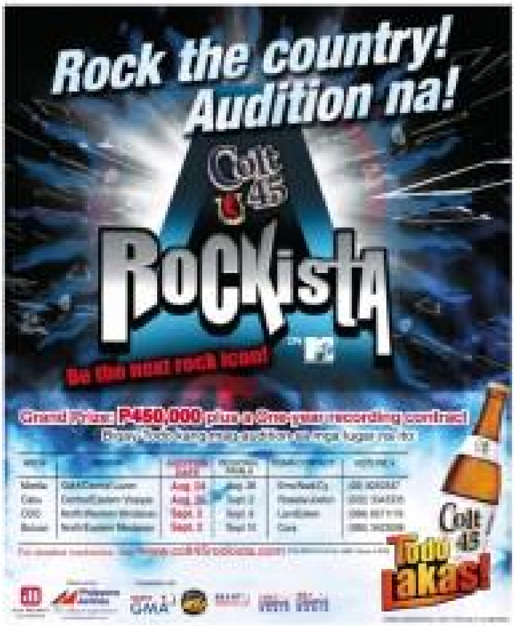
SJC stagfest second round today

Tagaytay City keeps Merdeka supremacy



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Langit-Lucas 3rd in triathlon





SPORTS

Puerto Rico trips China



Asian powerhouse nears exit; Greece, Italy move forward

SAPPORO, JAPAN—CHINA'S HOPES OF PROgressing at the world basketball championship suffered a huge blow with a 90-87 overtime loss to Puerto Rico on Tuesday.



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Tiger keeps getting better

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Meralco disputes ₱7-B claim of Transco

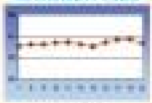


Says arrears covered by settlement with Napocor

UTILITY GIANT MANILA ELECTRIC Co. yesterday disputed claims made by National Transmission Corp. that the Lopez firm still had P7 billion in arrears that it needed to settle with the state-owned Transco.

Asean to accelerate economic community plan by 5 years

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Shares close lower

BSP warned against easing interest rates too soon

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Quiet times ahead

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Victor C. Agustin

Money-go-round

Heard through the grapevine

Leave us out of it, please

Laguindingan airport project set to take off

Globe picks Aicent Gateway to boost services abroad

Empire East earmarks ₱2.5B for new, expansion projects

Gov't set to pay ₱7-B debt to GSIS

Negotiations on interest charges to start soon



Groups cite Unilab founder

MacroAsia mining project gets Palawan gov't nod

Call centers seen creating 90,000 new jobs in 2 years

Asean . . .

Meralco disputes ₱7-B claim . . .

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United States set to conclude trade-boosting pact with Asean

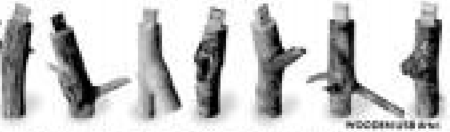


Southeast Asia trade bloc faces challenges

Region to contend with mutual suspicion

Yen down; Asia export, energy stocks up

New gadgets, software rising





ATTY. SOFRONIO ABAYA BAUTISTA, SR.

Interment will be on August 26, 2006 at 8:00 AM at Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City.

DEATH NOTICE

GARY P. FIELD

Interment will be announced later.

OBITUARY REQUIREMENTS:

- Copy of Death Certificate
- Any identification document (I.D.)

WE ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS

CREBA, government partners to hold annual convention in October



SR. EXPECTACION H. GADOR, OSA

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

NORMA C. SADAC

Peacefully joined our Creator on August 19, 2006 at the age of 66.

Her loving husband **Ric**; children **Francis** and **Judd**, brothers and sisters and other relatives and friends request the readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her body lies in state at the La Funeraria Paz at E. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on August 25, 2006 at the Marikina Loyola Memorial Park after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

People, Events & Products

Novartis Philippines helps Hospicio de San Jose kids



NOVARTIS TIES UP WITH PNRC

An enchanted evening of Latin dance



KITANO AND ITS FOUNDERS RECOGNIZED



BUSINESS

DOF still wary of sovereign guarantees

When it comes to GOCCs' credit worthiness, Teves prefers to be safe than sorry



TEVES

Campi wants to be part of biofuels panel

PLDT-Enabled

To the Highest Mile







MOTORING



How much will owning a budget car really cost?

A CAR IS AN EXPENSE. You're paying for the convenience of owning and using one. A smart buyer doesn't just think about how much he or she would look in a cute candy-colored shiny car in the showroom, but also about how much that particular car is going to cost in the long run—the so-called associated expenses.

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Rain dance

My DRIFT



Andre Palma

Dance carefully

Lifesaver









The Ssangyong Stavic: like no other

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'Capitalism with a conscience'



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Al Mendoza

Ready . . .

Key to safety, performance

How much will . . .

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Manufacturers' specs

Subaru 2.5 Liter Turbo Boxer Engine Wins 2006 International Engine of the Year Award





Ready to play with the big boys

Text and photo by Charles E. Buban



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She shines

Kim Chiu, Sheene's new endorser, is young, fresh and vibrant, just like the brand she's endorsing



SEARCH FOR HER name on Google and 49,500 results come up.





She gave birth just 9 months ago...

Look at Dawn Now!

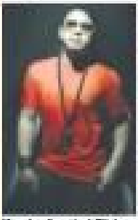






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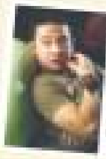


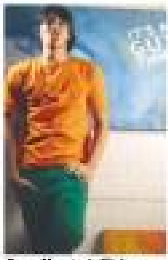
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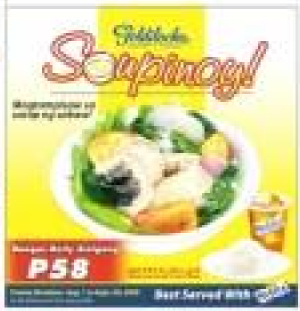


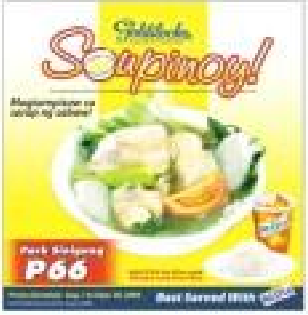




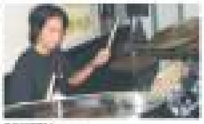


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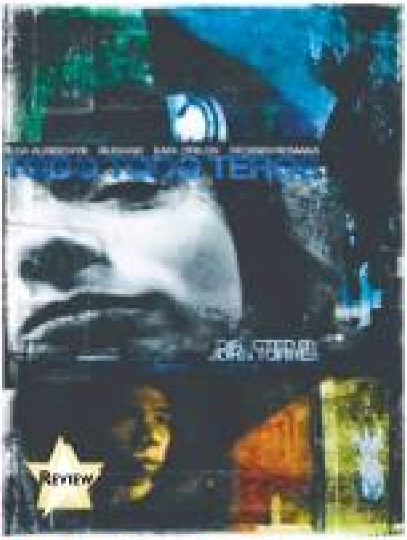
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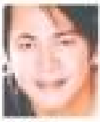


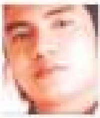
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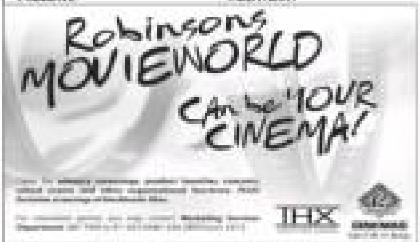
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3 MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND
4 MORTUARY



STA. ROSA

1 LITTLE MAN
2 MIAMI VICE
3 WOLF CREEK
4 SUKOB

LIPA

1 LITTLE MAN
2 THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT 2
3 THE BREAK-UP
4 UNITED 93

DASMARINAS

1 STORMBREAKER
2 LITTLE MAN
3 SUKOB
4 MORTUARY

ANGELES

1 LITTLE MAN
2 MIAMI VICE
3 WOLF CREEK
4 MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND

IMUS

1 MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND
2 LITTLE MAN
3 MIAMI VICE
4 SUKOB

STARMILLS

1 MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND
2 MIAMI VICE
3 FIERCE PEOPLE
4 SUKOB
5 CLICK
6 LITTLE MAN

BACOLOD

1 LITTLE MAN
2 THE BREAK-UP
3 STORMBREAKER
4 MIAMI VICE
5 CLICK
6 WOLF CREEK

ILOILO

1 LITTLE MAN
2 MIAMI VICE
3 WOLF CREEK
4 TAMARA



movietime SHOWTIME

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METRO MANILA

movietime



movietime PROMO



'Todo Todo Teros'...



Spike marks 20th year with HBO film

'Requiem,' about 2005 hurricane, debuts in US

Strong themes

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Cesar gives Ninoy his cinematic due, but...

VIEWFINDER



Nestor U. Torre

Same questions

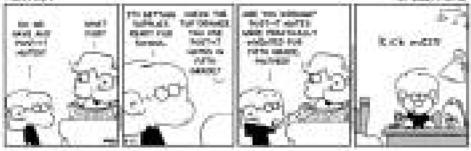
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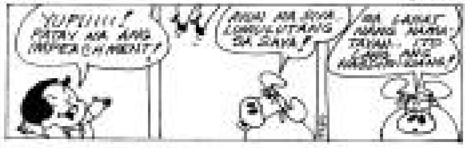




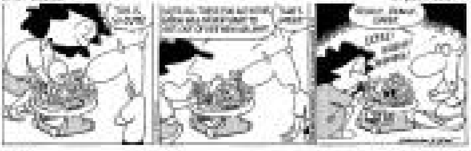
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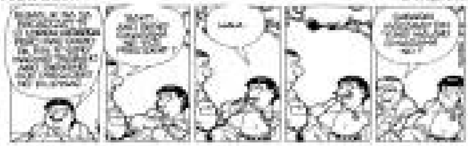
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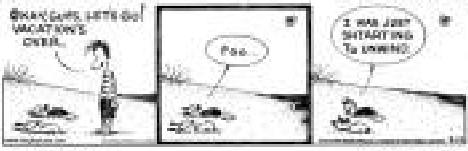
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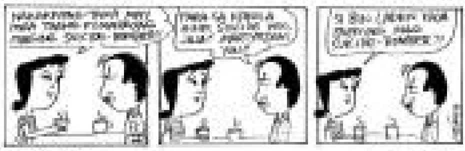
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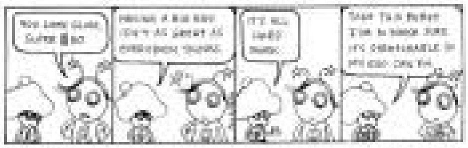
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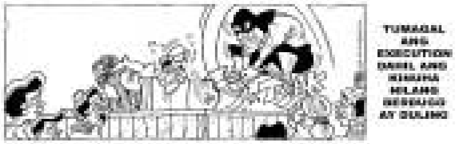
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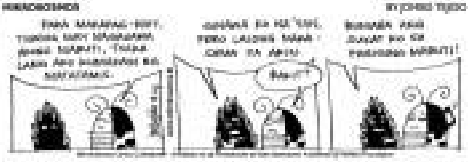
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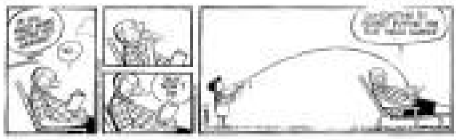
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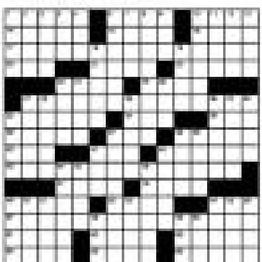
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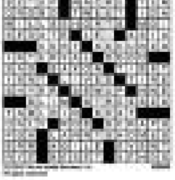
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DAILY CROSSWORD



Tuesday's Puzzle Solved



HOROSCOPE

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku — by Dave Green

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			5		9	4		8
	1	4	3			2		
	3					8	6	
				7				
	4	7					3	
		3			5	9	4	
9		6	4		1			
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Difficulty Level ★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

Did You Know...

"The Triangle"

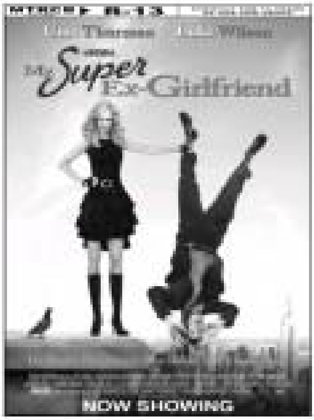
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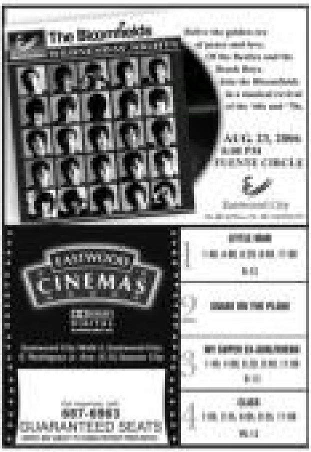














ENTERTAINMENT

Opening Today



Snakes on a Plane

Little Man

The world according to Pablo

Pablo S. Gomez has lived a life so colorful, it rivals his best-loved *komiks* novels





Sad, ironic

Survey says

Yesterday











